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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Interview Summary.

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the interview granted on February 26, 2008. During the interview, the differences between the present invention and the invention disclosed in Lenker were discussed. Specifically, it was noted that the present invention included a cap that can detach and reattach to the proximal ends of the peripheral struts, a stentless endograph (free of mechanical structure), and peripheral struts that exist in two states: a relaxed state, generally parallel to the longitudinal axis, and a bowed state, in which the proximal ends of the struts are axially compressed to cause the central portions of the struts to bow out and thereby expand a stentless endograph disposed around the struts.

Claims 1-3, 10, 12-19, 21-40, 42-50 and 60 are pending. The two original independent claims, claims 1 and 40, have been amended to better define the claimed invention consistent with the interview discussion. New claim 60 has been added. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 1-3, 10, 12-19, 21-40, 42-50 and 60 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any remaining questions or objections, a telephone interview to discuss and resolve these issues is respectfully requested.

Sincerely

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